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To the Society of GRUB-STREET.

Gentlemen,

THERE is nothing more frequent with Writers in controvery, than to talk of their own candour and impartiality, when it is apparent to all the world that they have none. Our modern ſcriblers of this claſs very politely diſtinguiſh themſelves by a multitude of quaint titles, implying the equilibre of their judgments. Such are the *fair examiners*, the *impartial hands*, *diſpaſſionate conſiderers*, and the *friends to freedom of enquiry*. Theſe and like names of candor, are very aptly prefixed to moſt of the virulent and dirty Pamphlets, which are the daily excrement of the preſs. And thus the reader is ſure to meet with impartiality in the title page, tho' not the leaſt trace of it can be diſcovered in the work itſelf.

This way of proceeding appears to me highly laudable. For what other means has a dabbler in polemics, of making his publick acknowledgment to candor, when his whole writings are a continued inſult upon it? Or of gracefully letting the reader into the ſecret, that, howſoever his compoſitions may appear, the Gentleman himſelf is wonderfully impartial at the bottom? For this reaſon, far be it from me, Gentlemen, to diſcommend this conduct in an ingenious North-briton of your Society, upon whoſe vindication of the *Scotiſh Antiquity*, I have in a former Letter made ſome animadverſions. It is indeed evident, that this Gentleman has been extremely ſevere upon many learned Prelates and Antiquaries, becauſe they maintained opinions directly oppoſite to his own. It is certain likewiſe, that the heat of diſpute has carried him to high language, about the *direct violation of the mutual ties of nature, compact, and Law*. It is no leſs notorious that the *Hibernian clynth*, and *the uſual addreſs* of my countrymen at ſuch *pitiful* work, are very favourite topics with him, at the ſame time that he declaims againſt harmleſs Chronologers for unknowingly *ſetting a nation of friends by the ears*. All theſe and many more, an unwary reader might eaſily interpret as ſo many departures from candor, and laudable diſintereſtedneſs. But our Author has wiſely prevented ſuch miſtake, by giving his word beforehand, that he has made *a candid defence againſt the unneceſſary invaſion of the antiquity of his country*.

In one thing however this Gentleman is not to be excuſed. He ſeems to ſuſpect all, who have attacked the *Antiquity of Scotland*, of a deſign to magnify the honour of their own country at the expence of his. Now this I preſume is equally diſcourteous and unreaſonable. CAMDEN every one knows to have been accuſed of ſtrong byaſs to Scotland, of partiality to the anceſtors of JAMES I. and of injuring in their cauſe a miſtreſs, who had raiſed him from a ſchoolmaſter, to a capacity of being firſt King at arms. He therefore, above all men, is not to be charged with that *infidelity* our Author cenſures him for, *with regard to the Scotiſh Antiquity*; all the reſt of the learned world, who have been infidels in the ſame reſpect, were, I am perſuaded, as much convinced as this Writer can be, that *Scotland has produced ſome of the beſt, the braveſt, and greateſt men of the world*: and yet have thought it no derogation nor injuſtice to that nation, to deprive it of that imaginary honour of its antiquity. Nay, what will our Author ſay, when he finds this very point attacked, and all the frivolous arguments in favour of it entirely refuted by a learned native of Scotland; who ingenuouſly removed the common prejudice of education, and preferred truth to any attachment, falſely ſo called, to his country? The perſon I mean is Mr. THOMAS INNES, who publiſhed in 1729, *A Critical Eſſay on the antient inhabitants of the North parts of Britain*; a work very proper for the peruſal of all, who are curious on this ſubject. Thus much was neceſſary to clear up our Author's candor. Now for his *unexceptionable cloud* of arguments.

1. He refutes USHER from USHER himſelf, and the *Remarker* on RAPIN from the citation he had brought from USHER. The caſe is this. That learned Prelate in his *Britannicarum Eccl. Antiq.* brings near a hundred teſtimonies from ancient Authors to ſhew, that Ireland was in the firſt ages after Chriſt called Scotia; and then declares it his opinion, that North-Britain was never diſtinguiſhed by that name till the tenth century. Out of theſe teſtimonies our Author picks two the moſt doubtful, and oppoſes them to USHER. The firſt is the teſtimony of HEGESIPPUS. *Tremit hos* [Romanos] Scotia, *quæ terris nihil debet: tremi Saxonia inacceſſa paludibus, et inviis ſepta regionibus.* The ſecond is a tranſlation of BEN-GORION's Hebrew. *Qui* [Romani] *et imperium habent in terminos terræ uſque ad Britanniam*; et *in omnem* Scotiam, *quæ ſtagnis aquarum undique clauſa eſt.* Our Author here inſiſts, with ſubmiſſion to the Archbiſhop, that each of theſe paſſages can relate to no country but *Caledonia*. But, Gentlemen, with all ſubmiſſion to the ſentence of this very affirmative Writer, I preſume it is evident from the very tenor of theſe paſſages, that they do not neceſſarily direct us to look for the *Scotia* there mentioned in any part of Britain. Nay, the *ſtagnis aquarum undique clauſa* of the latter citation, which is a phraſe in the Hebrew Idiom for an iſland, in a manner fixes the ſenſe of the words to *Hibernia*. There is then a very ſtrong probability, I may almoſt ſay a certainty, that the Scotland of HEGESIPPUS and BEN-GORION is no other than Ireland; ſince it can be proved, that *Scotia* is always uſed as a name of Ireland, as often as it occurs in all other Writers of the firſt ſeven centuries; and ſince there is even room for preſumption, that it is never applied to the kingdom of the Scots in North-Britain by any Writer before the tenth century. Our Author indeed affirms, that EGINHARD, who wrote in the ninth century, makes mention of the kings of Scotland in Britain; but has not produced the words of EGINHARD.

2. He is pleaſed to imagine, that he has eſtabliſhed the Scots in North-Britain ſo early as the ſecond century; becauſe, forſooth, HEGESIPPUS is ſaid by EUSEBIUS to have lived in the 160th year of CHRIST. Now here, Gentlemen, may be offered a very material objection. Our North-Briton has entirely miſtaken the HEGESIPPUS ſpoken of by EUSEBIUS, for the counterfeit ſuppoſititious Author of that name, whoſe teſtimony he has wreſted in favour of his own argument. And thus, inſtead of quoting the genuine HEGESIPPUS, has cited a much later Writer, whom VOSSIUS ſuppoſed to live ſo low as the tenth century, but none place higher than the fourth. He may be informed of this miſtake from any of the learned, who have treated of the ancient Writers of the church, and eſpecially GRONOVIUS, *Obſerv. in Eccl Script.*

3. He has laid ſtrong weight on the teſtimony of BEN-GORION, who unfortunately is a Writer of a worſe ſtamp than even PSEUDO-HEGESIPPUS. And yet our Caledonian extolls very gravely the antiquity, the diſintereſtedneſs, the natural and unaffected eloquence of this Jew: Herein betraying that ſingularity of opinion, which may be termed the misfortune of one claſs of the learned. For all other modern Critics are agreed, except my brother Grubean; that the BEN-GORION, whoſe works we have extant, was an illiterate ridiculous Jew, of Toulouſe (as is ſuppoſed) in France; who wrote after the year of CHRIST 600, and every where betrays his ignorance and impoſture. Our Author will find more of this PSEUDO-GORIONIDES in VOSSIUS *de Hiſtor. Græc. l.* 2. and in the *Triharreſii Elenchus* of his own admired SCALIGER.

4. For proof that the firſt of the Scots Colonies never was in Ireland, he refers the reader to Sir GEO. MACKENSIE's *Jus Regium:* whereas in that ſmall work there is no ſuch aſſertion, nor proof, and in ſhort, nothing at all to this purpoſe. *Spectatum admiſſi riſum teneatis?*

5. All that our Author talks of the Caledonians can have no relation to his argument, till he proves by better authority than a modern Frenchman's, that the Scots are the deſcendants of that people: when there is all the reaſon in the world to imagine, that the Picts were the ſame with the ancient Caledonians. He adds, that the emperors ADRIAN and SEVERUS *raiſed walls to ſecure the Roman conqueſts from the invaſion of the Scots*. Which I deny, and he cannot prove. The walls were built againſt the Picts or Caledonians.

6. *Scoticas pruinas* in the poet FLORUS, and *Scoto-Brigantes* in SENECA, are very dubious readings, or rather corruptions of the text, vouched by no copies, rejected by almoſt all the Critics; and conſequently are a very unſtable groundwork for this Author to build any thing certain upon.

7. Still leſs ſerviceable to him are theſe lines of CLAUDIAN.

Ille leves Mauros, nec falſo nomine Pictos
Edomuit; Scotumq; *vago mucrone ſecutus,*
Fregit Hyperboreas remis audacibus undas,

The Poet celebrates here the brave reſiſtance which THEODOSIUS made to the Scots, when they infeſted the Britiſh ſeas. There is not the leaſt hint in theſe words, that the Scots were at that time ſettled in Britain. On the contrary, it appears by comparing other paſſages of CLAUDIAN, that he means in this the Scots of *Ierne* or Ireland. For hear his compliment on the ſame THEODOSIUS.

——— ——— *Maduerunt Saxone fuſo*
Orcades: incaluit Pictorum ſanguine Thule:
Scotorum *cumulos flevit glacialis* Ierne.

And in another place on STILICHO; where Britain is introduced ſpeaking,

Me juvit STILICHO, *totam cùm* Scotus Iernen
Movit, et inſeſto ſpumavit remige Tethys.

8. FORDUN, who ſeems the principal column by which the whole fabric of the *Scotiſh Antiquity* is ſupported, ſeems to have been too fond a tranſcriber of legends, too undiſcerning of the authenticneſs of the writings he conſulted, too partial to his own country, and, in ſhort, too credulous in every reſpect, that either he, or his Commentators the Scotiſh Hiſtorians ſince his time, ſhould be ſufficient to determine this point in their own favour. I would not be here underſtood to ſay, that FORDUN was the man who corrupted the hiſtory of his country. No: theſe forged relations were foiſted into the Scotiſh chronicles hundreds of years before his time. He, good man, reported the Hiſtory of GATHELUS and FERGUS I. of Scotland, as he reported the fable of BRUTUS of Britain; he delivered as he found them, and ſincerely believed them both.

9. Our Author ſays, that FORDUN's Hiſtory was drawn up from old chronicles and records kept in Ycolm Kill, &c. Whereas it is certain, that FORDUN never ſearched that monaſtery; ſince he takes no notice of thoſe ancient and particular accounts of the kings before FERGUS II. pretended by HECTOR BOETIUS to be preſerved there: and therefore acquaints us, that he paſſed over thoſe kings, becauſe he found no diſtinct or full account of them in writing.

10. But if FORDUN's authority be exceptionable, I muſt neceſſarily believe CAXTON, who in his ancient and venerable chronicles,

The Claſſics of an age that heard of none,

talks of ſome king of the Scots, who aſſiſted king CASSIBILON. Marvellous authority! SCALIGER moreover, and FAVINUS, and I know not what, CAROLUS, *&c.* have *pathetically defended* the ſame remote antiquity. Admirable ſtill! And then the teſtimony of theſe men is to be admitted as deciſive in this diſpute, tho' they never made diligent enquiry into theſe matters, and took upon truſt whatever they found in the Scotiſh hiſtorians! I have done with our Author, if this be his meaning.

Having now examined every thing material, offered by CALEDON in vindication of his boaſted *antiquity*, I beg leave at laſt to conclude, that he has advanced nothing of that propriety and weight, which may juſtify his utter contempt of thoſe learned men, who have rectified the Scotiſh Hiſtory, or convince an unprejudiced ſtranger of the point he is contending for.

Your humble ſervant,

Oxon, May 25, 1736. HIBERNUS.

Gentlemen,

HAVING received a ſingular benefit by means of your Paper, it is but juſt I ſhould return you my thanks. The Paper I mean is No. 309, of *Nov.* 27 laſt, wherein you communicated to the publick *A method of deſtroying buggs*, by means of *Quickſilver beat up with* the *Whites of eggs, five or ſix of the latter to an ounce of the former*, (only inſtead of mixing them in a wooden diſh with a bruſh, I beat them up together in a ſtone mortar, and it requires ſome pains and time to mix them ſufficiently, which is what is called killing the Quickſilver,) and rubbing it into the cracks and joints of the bedſtead, with a ſmall painter's bruſh.

My houſe ſwarmed with thoſe troubleſome vermin but a few weeks ſince, inſomuch, that myſelf and ſervants were made very uneaſy by them; but by the uſe of the above method, we are made quite happy in that reſpect, there not being one to be ſeen or felt. I had the curio-

fity to ſee it uſed myſelf, and any of them that the mixture touched, they firſt ſwelled prodigiouſly, and immediately dried up to a meer skin. A ſingular advantage from this *method* is, that if the mixture ſhould be rubbed on, or touch ever ſo fine furniture, it can do it no harm. And, tho' I believe my houſe at preſent quite free from them, yet as I am liable to a freſh breed by means of people's bringing them on their cloaths out of hackney coaches, by taking freſh ſervants (not to mention catching them on one's own cloaths in very fine houſes) or otherwiſe; I ſhall certainly repeat the method every year, and am fully convinced, that if every body would do the like for a few years, we ſhould totally deſtroy the race of them in this kingdom. What makes it more neceſſary to enforce this at preſent, is, that the country is now become almoſt as full of them as London, as I very lately experienced. And I would in a particular manner recommend this *method* to the Hoſpitals of this Town, where I am told there are prodigious numbers of them, to the great torment of the poor people, who are ſo unhappy as to be ſent thither, and whoſe various diſeaſes and infirmities are ſufficient misfortunes, without the addition of ſuch troubleſome bed-fellows to break their reſt, and conſequently protract their cure.

I am, Gentlemen, yours and the perſon's, to whom the publick is much indebted for this Receipt,

much obliged humble ſervant,

London, May 23, 1736 GRATUS.

P. S. It may not be amiſs for you to inform the publick, that the druggiſt's is the proper place to buy the quickſilver at, and that the price is ſeldom more than ſix, or leſs than five ſhillings per pound.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G *Daily Gazetteer.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *May* 27. Yeſterday advice came to the Admiralty-office, that on tueſday morning about 1 o' clock his Majeſty landed in good health at Holland. *DP.* —— About 2 landed at Helvoetſluys. *DA.*

Mr. Stillingfleet, page of the back-ſtairs to his royal highneſs the Prince, is appointed yeoman of the wine-cellar. —— Mr. Reynolds, page of the preſence, is appointed houſe-keeper of Pall mall houſe. —And Mrs. Hawkins neceſſary-woman to the ſaid houſe, with a ſalary of 60 l. per ann. *DA.*

The Princeſs of Wales, who had kept her bed ſince ſunday, ſate up yeſterday for the firſt time, her royal highneſs having loſt a great deal of blood, from a violent bleeding at the noſe. —— Her Majeſty was not to viſit her 'till tueſday. — The bedding, &c. neceſſary for their royal highneſſes ſervants, were brought from Kew and Carleton houſe, and none made uſe of from the great wardrobe. *LP.*

Ignorant people being frequently deluded and defrauded by perſons undertaking to tell fortunes, or to diſcover ſtolen goods, by an Act paſſed this laſt ſeſſion of parliament, perſons being convicted thereof, after the 24th of June, are to be impriſoned for a year, and to ſtand 4 times in the pillory *DJ.*

On thurſday the great match on Epſom-courſe between Mr. Dennis's grey horſe *Hearty*, and Mr. Arnold's bay horſe *Fox*, for 100 guineas, was won by the former. *DA.*

Married, laſt ſaturday, Will. King of Ingateſtone in Eſſex, Eſq; to Miſs Barns, a beautiful young Lady, with a fortune of 12,000 l. *DP.*

Died on monday, at Bath, the hon. Brigadier Berkeley. *DA.* —— On tueſday at Greenwich, Capt. Simon Whitfield, formerly a commander in the royal navy. *DP.* —— Yeſterday morning in Hollis ſtreet, Geo. Sunley, of S Albans, Eſq; a young gentleman juſt come of age, and to an eſtate of 4000 l. per ann. *G.*

Laſt thurſday night Mr Ellery, governor of the Princeſs Caroline, going on board, fell down between the ſhip and the jettees, and was drowned. *DJ.*

On tueſday one Mary Morgan was found drowned in the baſon belonging to the York buildings company in S. Mary le Bone fields. *G.* —— Yeſterday, &c. *DP.* —— Yeſterday one Char. Lake, butler to the Lady Northey of Eſſex ſtreet, hang'd himſelf in the back kitchen. *DP.* —— A Peterboat ran foul of a coal-lighter near the Old Swan, overſet, and one man was drowned. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *May* 28. The guards which were ordered to mount as yeſterday at Kenſington, are countermanded, her Majeſty intending to reſide at Kew 'till to-morrow at noon. *DA.* —— The royal palace not being ready for her reception. *G.* —— The guards *did* mount *that day.*

On the 19th Mr. Hen. Davies, the maſter of Harry's coffee-houſe in Fleet-ſtreet, enter'd the 109th year of his age, and perfectly enjoys all his ſenſes to a miracle: he can read the ſmalleſt print without the aſſiſtance of ſpectacles, and almoſt every day walks to Weſtminſter and back again before dinner. *LP.*

Married yeſterday Herbert Windſor, Eſq; to Miſs Clavering, a very beautiful young Lady, with a fortune of 60,000 l. *DP.*

Died on monday, near Stone in Staffordſhire, Rich Hobſon, Eſq; poſſeſs'd of near 1000 l. per ann. *DJ.*

The beginning of laſt week died at Lymington in Hampſhire, Sam. Baldwin, Eſq; formerly of the Inner-Temple, barriſter at law: by his will he ordered his corps to be buried in the ſea, amongſt the rocks called the *Needles*, at the weſt end of the Iſle of Wight. The body, being put in a *leaden coffin*, was convey'd thither, attended by a clergyman, *for whom he had a great veneration*, and being put into the ſea it would not ſink, but being taken up and ſeveral holes bored, it ſunk. The coffin being made full big, and filled up with bran, 'tis thought occaſioned its ſwimming. *LP.*

SATURDAY, *May* 29. Yeſterday in the afternoon her Majeſty, &c. came from Kew to Kenſington: and in the evening the King's royal commiſſion, appointing her Majeſty regent over this kingdom was opened and read in council: after which the Prince of Wales, &c. had the honour to kiſs her Majeſty's hand; and then the royal family return'd to Kew to dinner. *DP.* —— About 4 *DJ.*

John Collins, Eſq; is appointed one of the Equerries to his Majeſty, in the room of Hen. Berkeley, Eſq; deceas'd. *G.*

Laſt night the right hon. Sir Charles Wager arriv'd at the Admiralty from Holland. *DJ.*

Yeſterday as the right hon. the Lord Chancellor was going to Weſtminſter, his ſtate-coach broke down near Northumberland-houſe, but his Lordſhip got no hurt. *DJ. DA.*

On thurſday an information was granted in the court of King's-bench, againſt a noble peer of the kingdom of Ireland, and 2 other gentlemen, for beating a warrener, in the county of Southampton. *LP.* —— Yeſterday the Court of Common-pleas granted Attachments againſt the jury who toſs'd up a ſhilling to determine a verdict upon the affair of Philips and Fowler. *DA.*

Yeſterday morning an account was brought to the head turnkey of Newgate, that Dan. Malden (who was to have been executed laſt monday, &c.) was at a houſe at Saltpeter-bank near Rag-fair, whereupon Mr. Alſtone, &c. went and took him, and brought him to Newgate, where he is now chain'd down in the old condemn'd hold. *DP.*—Was taken at a gin-ſhop in Nightingale-lane. *DA. LP.* — A gentleman merrily ſaid of Jack Shepherd, *Newgate was not ſtrong enough to keep him in, nor out.* LP.

Laſt night John Smith, who aſſaulted and robb'd Miſs Mann in Ruſſel-court, being brought to Col. de Veil's houſe, in order to be committed to Newgate, made his eſcape, tho' there were 12 or 14 people in the room, and no body perceived it till he was got clear off. *LP. G.*

Married, a few days ago, Mr. Mechel, a printer in Fleet-ſtreet, to Mrs Malcher, a widow Lady with 7000 l fortune. *LP.* — On thurſday, at Berwick-ſtreet chapel, Mr. Tho. Prichard, a wealthy woollen-draper in Gracechurch-ſtreet, to Miſs Dalrymple, a beautiful young Lady of great accompliſhments. *DA.*

Died laſt week, at Puſey near Farringdon, Berks, John Tipping, Eſq; who lately married Miſs Tubb of Goſey, a fortune of 20,000 l. *LP.*

On ſaturday a man belonging to the rope-yard in the Back lane in Ratcliff, fell into a kettle of boiling pitch and tar, and died the next day. *DP.*

MONDAY, *May* 31. On ſaturday evening her Majeſty, accompanied by their royal highneſſes the Duke of Cumberland, and the Princeſſes, came to Kenſington for the ſummer ſeaſon. *DJ. LP.* —— Yeſterday the rev. Mr. Seaward preached before her Majeſty, &c. —— And the rev. Mr. Chamberlain before his highneſs the Duke, &c. *DJ.* —— Her Majeſty receiv'd the compliments of the nobility, &c. it being the anniverſary of the birthday of their royal highneſſes the Princeſſes Amelia and Caroline, when the firſt entered into her 25th year, and the latter into her 23d. *DP.* —— The latter into her 22d, &c. *DA. LP. G.* —— The firſt into her 26th, and the latter into her 24th. *DJ.*

The Princeſs of Wales does not yet go abroad. *DA.* —— Continues in a weak condition. *LP.*

John Groves of Epſom, Eſq; is appointed clerk of the kitchen to the Prince of Wales. *LP.*

Saturday being the anniverſary of the reſtoration of King Charles II. the right hon. the Lord Mayor, &c. went to S. Paul's, and hear'd a ſermon preach'd by the rev. Mr. Maſſey; at noon the guns in the Park, and at the Tower were fired, and the evening concluded with ringing of bells, bonfires, *DP. DJ. LP. G.*

The Univerſities of Oxford and Cambridge have preſented the ſeveral noble Peers who appeared in their favour on the Mortmain bill, and oppoſed the Quakers Tythe-bill, with the Verſes they compoſed on the nuptials, &c. *DJ.* —— The Univerſity of Oxford has, &c *G.*

His grace the Duke of Bedford hath ſettled an annuity of 500 l. on Mrs. Patterſon, the late Dutcheſs's woman. *LP.*

We hear from Tunbridge-wells, that on ſunday laſt a duel was fought between Capt. Rich. Panuwell, a juſtice of the peace, and John Spooner, Eſq; Counſellor at Law, in which the former was ſlightly wounded. *DP.*

We hear that the impriſonment of John Thrift, alias Jack Catch, being on a malicious proſecution, on the falſe oath of Mary White, he has been bailed by order of the ſheriffs, and the aforeſaid woman is committed to Newgate in his ſtead. *DJ.*

Died on wedneſday, near Ditchelling in Suſſex, Miſs Carolina Howarth, in her 20th year; ſhe could ſpeak French and Spaniſh to perfection, and was applying herſelf to Latin *DJ.* —— On ſaturday, Juliana, wife to the hon. Peter Wentworth, Eſq; brother to the Earl of Strafford. —— Yeſterday in Groſvenor-ſquare, the right hon. Arthur Ingram, Viſcount Irwin in Scotland, &c. and is ſucceeded in title and eſtate by his brother Henry Ingram, Eſq; member for Horſham in Suſſex. *LP.* —— On thurſday at Bath. *G.* —— The latter end of laſt week. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *June* 1. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to give 1000 l. to the General Aſſembly of the church of Scotland, to be employed towards the reformation of the Highlanders, &c. *DA.*

The Princeſs of Wales was yeſterday much better; and it is thought that this evening or to-morrow, their highneſſes will remove to Kenſington. *DJ.*

Three nieces to a certain Dutcheſs lately come from France, were preſented to her Majeſty, and met with a moſt gracious reception: they were in the high French mode, and were extremely admired. *DJ.* —— The high French mode *tends to introduce* the low Engliſh mode.

We hear that the Library that is building at S. James's is to be for the uſe of the publick; and that gentlemen may apply themſelves there every day when finiſhed. *DJ.*

'Tis now reported, that his grace the Duke of Devonſhire is to go Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and that the Duke of Dorſet will be made Lord ſteward of the houſhold. *LP.*

Mr. Flanders is appointed one of the grooms of the wine-cellar to the Prince of Wales. *LP.*

We hear, that Tho. Winnington, Eſq; lately appointed one of the Lords of the Treaſury, is rechoſen member for Droitwich, without oppoſition. *G.*

On ſunday a ſentence of excommunication was pronounced in the pariſh church of S. Martin in the fields, againſt a Lady of quality. *LP.*

Laſt week the rev. Dr. Lancaſter receiv'd by order of the Lords of the Treaſury, 100 l. for his extraordinary pains in convicting Chamberlain, Ruffet, &c. *LP.*

Yeſterday his Excellency M. Chavigny, the French miniſter ſet out for Dover, in order to embark for France. *DP.* —— And the Baron De Borke, miniſter of Pruſſia, for that Court. *DA.*

Laſt thurſday ſe'nnight a dreadful fire broke out at Overbury in Worceſterſhire, the ſeat of ..... Martin, Eſq; which burnt down the inſide of that fine houſe, with part of the furniture, amounting to a very conſiderable damage. *G.*

Married yeſterday Counſellor Malone, of the Temple, to Miſs Collyer, niece to Knight, caſhier of the South-ſea Company in 1720, an heireſs of 25,000 l. *DA.* —— A marriage between Edw. Malone, Eſq; &c. will ſpeedily be conſummated: a Lady of 20,000 l. *LP.*

On ſaturday Mr. Cole, under-gardener at Hampton-court, was thrown from his horſe, and died the next morning. *DP. DA. LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *June* 2. Addreſſes have been preſented to the Queen's moſt excellent Majeſty from the Lord Mayor, &c. of the city of Dublin; and from the Provoſt, &c. of the college of the holy and undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin, which addreſſes her Majeſty receiv'd very graciouſly. *LP.* —— Her Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint ſundays and thurſdays as publick days for foreign miniſters, &c. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Lord Charles Fitzroy to command his Majeſty's ſhip the Burlington, a fourth rate. *DJ.*

The hon. Baptiſt Leveſon Gower, Eſq; member for Newcaſtle under line, is made deputy ranger of Wichcote Park in Oxfordſhire, under the right hon. Earl of Clarendon and Rocheſter. *LP.*

Yeſterday his grace the Duke of Gordon ſet out for

Dover, in order to embark for France, and from thence to proceed to Germany. *DA.*

The ſame day the right hon. the Lord Mayor nominated Mr. Benj. Rawlins, of Newport-market, as a fit perſon to ſerve the office of ſheriff, &c. This is the ſixth perſon his Lordſhip has drank to on the like occaſion. *DA.*

Died on monday in Scotland-yard, Whitehall, aged 36, Mr. Arnold, author of the letters in the Free-Briton and Gazetteer, ſign'd Fra. Walſingham. *DA. G.*

Yeſterday a boat going to Woolwich ran foul of an anchor over-againſt Fountain-ſtairs, and two perſons were drowned. *DA.*

We hear from Aberdeen, that the univerſity there have conferred the degree of Doctor of Phyſick upon Mr. John Rogers, M. L. at Stamford in Lincolnſhire, as a perſon on many accounts deſerving that honour, being recommended by three eminent phyſicians, all fellows of the college in London; and particularly for his being the author of that excellent famous ſpecifick oil for the cure of the Gout, whoſe wonderful and beneficial effects many thouſands have experienced in Great-Britain and Ireland, who have laboured under that ſevere diſtemper.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

THE *Prompter* having quoted part of this pretended Letter of the Author of the *Double Deceit*, which has been particularly examined, adds, 'Thus 'far my *Correſpondent*; and, I confeſs, I was glad when 'I read this Reſolution, ſo becoming the Man of *Senſe*, 'and the Man of *Humanity*. —— Mr. P—— can have 'no room to *queſtion*, that the *Readers* of this Play will 'be diſcerners of the manifeſt *Injuſtice* that was done it, 'at its laſt *Repreſentation*.' And afterwards 'I ſhall in 'Compliance with this generous *Deſire* of the Author of 'the Comedy (the extent of whoſe *Merit*, I ſee, ſtrongly, in That very deſire) forbear to add any thing to 'what has already been ſaid in its Defence; and leave it 'to the *Claim* of its due Juſtification in the Hands of 'its *Readers*.' Theſe appeals from Spectators and Auditors to *Readers* are wild, fruitleſs, and ridiculous: for what number of perſons ever think it worth while to read a Play that has been damn'd? Nor are theſe commendations of the Author for his *ſenſe*, *humanity*, and *merit*, in dropping a diſpute which he was not able to carry on without great diſadvantage, leſs wild and ridiculous, if they came from the Author himſelf. And that they did, is highly probable from what is ſay'd in this very Paper. 'I believe I have made it undeniably Evi'dent, in one or two of my Papers, that ſome of the 'Places injudiciouſly attack'd, in the *Double Deceit*, 'were *Thoſe*, remarkably fulleſt of both moral and poeti'cal *Beauties*.' From which words it ſeems plain, that the ſame perſon who wrote this Paper, wrote thoſe likewiſe in defence of the *Double Deceit*; which whoever reads, cannot doubt that they were the compoſitions of the Author of the Play.

'It is both a wiſe, and a generous, Reſolution, in an 'Author, to put an *End* to all Controverſy concerning 'his Writings, when once the Diſpute becomes *invectively perſonal*.' Such *Reſolution* was, no doubt, very *wiſe*, in One, who firſt begun theſe *invective perſonalties*, and who, having felt ſome ſtrokes of a juſt retaliation, was under continual apprehenſion of more: but in what reſpect it was *generous*, is very difficult to comprehend. The perſon who acts thus, ſhews himſelf indeed a *man of ſenſe*, in one acceptation at leaſt of that expreſſion; but the *man of humanity* and *generoſity* appears but very obſcurely, while he himſelf is the ſole object of that *generoſity* and *humanity*.

He then cenſures us for having *deviated* from what he imagines was, or ought to have been the *ſcheme* of our Paper: in which he is as much miſtaken, as in the account he gives of its original. Which he aſcribes to a *Letter* of Mr. POPE's, in which he mentions his deſign of publiſhing a monthly pamphlet, intitled, *The Works of the Unlearned*. 'This, ſays our ſagacious *Prompter*, as ſeems reaſon'able to believe, was the Hint, that gave Beginning to 'the *Grub ſtreet Journal*.' But this is another of this Gentleman's *whimſical Hints*, like that of the *Weſtminſter ſcholar*: for this deſign was not in the leaſt known to thoſe who ſet up our Paper; nor was the *Letter* publiſhed till near ſix years after the *beginning of our Journal*.

On MARRIAGE.

1.
Marriage is a Country Dance,
Where unthinking man and wife,
Who at firſt have met by chance,
Soon are partners fixt for life.

2.
Croſſing firſt, they figuring meet;
Hands with eager preſſure take;
Falling off, to others ſet:
And conclude with back to back.

Since our laſt we have received a letter from *T. B.* one copy of verſes from PUFF; and another, intitled, *Religion and Law*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 27. Major-general Skelton died in Paris the 24. He followed the fortune of King James II. and preſerv'd the character of an excellent officer and a very gallant man. *DP.* —— He bore the title of Lord Skelton: he died the 26th in his 62d year. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 28. We learn from Milan, that a large mountain at a village called Vareſe, within 30 miles, lately cracked, and diſcovered an immenſe cavity. *DJ.*

The King of Great Britain has begun a negotiation in the North: this Treaty will be called the Proteſtant League; and is to counterpoize any Alliance which may be made amongſt Catholick Princes, to the prejudice of Religion, and the balance of power. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *May* 29. —— *Petersburgh, May* 12. At the feaſt on the anniverſary of the coronation of the Empreſs, celebrated the 9th, the Perſian ambaſſador, out of reſpect and complaiſance to the Czarina, treſpaſſed upon the laws of Mahomet by drinking wine. *DJ.* —— Out of reſpect, as he ſaid, to the Empreſs. *DA.* —— In pure reſpect. *G.* —— Drank wine like a Chriſtian. *DP.*

The Spaniards have not done ſo much miſchief at Oſtia as was at firſt reported: they only plundered ſome houſes, ſhot two of the principal mutineers, carry'd off a few priſoners, 500 muſquets, and ſome proviſions. *DJ.* —— A ſmall detachment of 80 men from Velletri entered the town, &c. *LP.* —— Stripped the inhabitants of almoſt all their money and effects. *G.* —— Part of the town was burnt down: the ſoldier, concerned in doing it, have been thrown into irons. *DA.*

Fort Weichſelmunde is at length reſtor'd to the Dantzickers. *DA.*

MONDAY, *May* 31. —— *Paris, May* 24. O. S. The Dutcheſs of Bourbon having complained to the King, that Carmagot, one of the dancers at the Opera, runs her ſon the Count de Clermont into too great expences, his Majeſty has ſent a Letter de cachet, commanding the damſel to dance 100 leagues from Paris. *G.*

According to ſome private Letters, a very extraordinary ſcene ſeems preparing to be play'd off in Corſica, the Emperor having, as 'tis pretended, undertaken to ſend a large number of troops thither, on the part of the Republick of Genoa; and his Catholick Majeſty at leaſt the King of Naples, as large a ſuccour to King Theodore. *DA.*

TUESDAY, *June* 1. Private Letters from Naples take notice, that the Duke of Lyria and Berwick has obliged himſelf to reduce Corſica in a month, with a body of 12,000 regular troops. This undertaking is grounded on the Republick of Genoa's offering that iſland to Don Carlos for a ſmall ſum of money. *DJ.*

WEDNESDAY, *June* 2. Our Letters from Vienna ſay, that the projected marriage between Don Carlos and the ſecond Caroline Archdutcheſs, will not take place. *DJ.* —Seems entirely gone off. *DA.*—Entirely laid aſide. *LP.* —— Prince Charles of Lorrain is perfectly recovered of the ſmall-pox, to the great joy of the Imperial court. *LP.*

They have had a fire at Riga which burnt down 50 houſes. *DP.* —150. *DA. LP.*

The Czarina has remitted 2,000,000 of dollars impoſed on Dantzick for ſuffering K. Staniſlaus to eſcape. *DJ.* —— Two millions of ducats. *LP. G.* —— King Staniſlaus arriv'd on thurſday at Meudon, where he is to make his reſidence. *DA.*

Yeſterday Bank Stock was 148. India, 176 1 half a 176. S. S. Trading Stock 99. Old Annuities 111 3 4ths a 1 half a 5 8ths. New Annuities 111 1 half a 1 4th a 3 8ths. Three per Cent. Annuity 105 1 4th. Million Bank 115. African 14. Royal Aſſurance 109 1 half. London Aſſurance 14 1 half a 3 8ths. New Bank Circulation 71 2 s. 6 d. a 5 s. Prem. South Sea Bonds 5 l. 19 s. a 18 s. Prem. India ditto 6 l. 12 s. a 10 s. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 5 l. 1 s. a 2 s. Prem. Engliſh Copper 2 l. 3 s. Welſh ditto, no Price. Salt Tallies 4 a 6 1 4th. Prem. Emperor's Loan 117 1 4th a 1 half a 3 4ths.

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